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Youth Super Bowl Party

Youth Super Bowl XLVI Party

New York Giants vs. New England Patriots



Sunday, February 5, 2012

5:30 p.m. until half-time

WHERE?

Home of Dock & Andra Gammage

6235 Montlake Avenue, McDonough

WHAT DO I BRING?

If your last name begins with...

A-L – bring a snack

M-Z – bring a 2-liter drink

Pizza provided.

Souper Bowl of Caring



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The Souper Bowl of Caring is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. Morrow Presbyterian Church is joining other churches, schools, organizations, and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in

souper pots on Sunday, February 5. What is collected stays in the community to help fight hunger, but we report our total to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters so that they can come up with a grand total.

The latest figures show **17 million households** (1 in 7) in the United States are food insecure, the highest number ever recorded in our nation. In 2011, Souper Bowl participants made an impact on the lives of millions of hungry families, as dollar-by-dollar, can-by-can, their collections totaled **\$9.5 million for hunger-relief in America**. Since Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple act of caring from a church youth group in South Carolina, **more than \$81 million** has been collected from participants in all 50 states. Just as it was on that Super Bowl weekend in 1990, **100% of the money collected** today is given directly to hunger-relief charities in local communities.

Our collection will go to our own community food pantry. May God bless our gifts.

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The Pastor's Pen



I wonder what it would be like to sit on a stakeout, to watch for a criminal to approach a building or car and make some underhanded deal that could land him in jail for years.

The movies make stakeouts look so cool. Undercover police officers sit in a dark vehicle with high-powered cameras and microphones. The bad guy comes just at the right moment, and the soundtrack of the movie becomes intense. As the officers lean forward with eyes wide open, they always witness the crime. They always collect the right amount of evidence. The bad guy always gets caught. One of the funniest stakeouts I saw was in a certain police movie starring Leslie Nielsen, in which he and his partner were staking out a hotel where a rich businessman lived. The lips of Nielsen and his partner (George Kennedy) were red from all the pistachio nuts they jammed in their mouths. When they wanted to exit the vehicle, they couldn't open their doors because the shells they had pitched out the window were piled high and thick. That must have been a very long stakeout!

God is constantly watching over us. He "who watches over Israel that neither slumber nor sleeps" is always keenly aware of what we are doing (Psalm 121:4). What is even more interesting is that God not only sees what we do, but also knows exactly what we are thinking every second (see Psalm 139:2). He knows every wish and want, every desire and feeling, every good idea and bad scheme. We can never hide from God or hide anything from God (see Psalm 139:7-16).

That sounds very scary to some. It sounds as though God is on a stakeout, ready to catch us doing something wrong, more than willing to throw us in jail or someplace worse. Some people don't like the idea of an omnipotent, omnipresent God who cannot be managed or told to go away. It is frightening to realize that God is always with us, especially when we want to be secretive in our sin.

God knows everything about us not to thump us but to improve us. God knows us through and through, because he knows how we are made, *and* knows full well how to perfect us. God sees our sin, but God always sees the potential to eliminate that sin, and create a new life in us. We want God to know everything about us. If God didn't, we would hide our sin for as long as we could, and it would rot within and destroy us. We would not have the Holy Spirit speaking to us in a small, still voice, calling us through our imperfections to walk in the light of God. If God couldn't see us at all times, there would be places in which we could truly be alone, and the darkness of those places would haunt us and steal away all hope.

God "is neither a Tyrant, nor a Granddaddy, nor a combination of both," says Shirley Guthrie, who was once a professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur. "But he is in fact a God who is both free from men and yet bound to them; far above, yet with them; distant, yet near; powerful and yet loving, loving and yet powerful at the same time." Let the Lord watch us every minute of every day, and may what we do bring honor and pleasure to our Father's eyes.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Valerie Sterzik (Deborah Venizelos's mother), Jo Calhoun (Henry Medical), Jeff Yarbrough (Henry Medical), Carolyn Weems (David's mother), Bill Allison, Christina Baker-Nwadeyi, Bobby Bays, Phyllis Bearden, Wilma Bell, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Janis Campbell, Bill Cantrell, Shelly Carmichael, Fannie Crain, Mary Beth Duke, Shel Ford, Rita Gianturco, Spencer Grant, Kelley Harden, Eddie Hooten, Andrew Ladores, Alicia Linzy, Kyle Markham and Will Morgan, Patrice Marsh, Mary McBath, Richard & Florence McCray, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Amador Moriles, David Moss, Sonny Oswalt, T. J. Ragan, John Randolph, Jean Rathbun, Joe & Betty Spier, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Blake Tolbert, Gary Waters, Catherine White, and Amari Williams. . **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia, **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin **Brown** - Army-Fort Benning, GA; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** -Japan; 1st Sgt Chris **Chastain**, Kosovo; PFC Daniel **Costa** - Fort Huachuca, AZ; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Afghanistan; Najee **Hall**- Afghanistan; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. **Lillegard**, Afghanistan; Adam **Martin**; SGT Edward "Buddy" **McKenzie**, III, - Milledgeville; Brent **Paul** - Military College of GA; Cole **Springer** - Army; A1C Richard **Venizelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin **Warlick** - Ft. Lewis, WA.

Christian love and sympathy to... Jeff, Shawn & Bailey **Brown** upon the death of Jeff's father, Earl Brown, on January 11. Jeff, Shawn & Bailey Brown, 1200 Turner Church Road, McDonough, GA 30252. **Wayne & Sharon Goza** upon the death of Sharon's aunt, Catherine Reid, on January 16. Wayne & Sharon Goza, 9025 Jodeco Estates Ct., Jonesboro, GA 30236. **Albert, Rita, Albert, and Luis Coughlin** upon the death of Rita's aunt, Ana Espinoza, on January 23. The Coughlins, 660 Catherine St., Forest Park, 30297

Presbyterian Women's Retreat



Women's Retreat a Spiritual Success! About 51 women attended the annual MPC Women's Retreat at Calvin Center on January 21. The theme was "Garden of Your Heart." The women heard topics regarding jealousy, rejection, taking offense, comparing ourselves, and learned steps for true forgiveness. Be careful to guard your heart.

The Resolution for Men

If you want to learn how to "let go of the past, be a stronger spiritual leader in your house, win the hearts of your children, pursue the ironclad character God wants to develop in men," then MPC has the class for you. The men of the McNair/Seekers Class have just begun discussion on a book entitled, "The Resolution for Men" by Stephen & Alex Kendrick. This group meets every fourth Sunday during the Sunday school hour in the parlor. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Romy Moriles.

2011 Giving Statements

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"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Nursery Doors



Have you noticed our new nursery doors? This wonderful work of art was designed and the tree made by **Elizabeth Barfield**. The beautiful artwork of Jesus and the children was drawn & painted by **Stephanie Venizelos**. Stephanie is a sophomore at Savannah College of Art & Design majoring in Sequential Art (drawing pictures for comic books, comic strips, or graphic novels). **Thank you, Elizabeth & Stephanie!**

Congratulations



Congratulations to Sonja Delgado and Reshawn Pitts on the birth of their baby girl, **Raziya Me'lanni Pitts**, who was born on January 5, 2012, weighing 5 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long. Congratulations, also, to the proud grandparents, Jesus & Shannon Delgado, uncles, Jesus, Jr. and Jio, and aunt Angelica.

Congratulations to Our College Graduates



Cedric Ndzomo graduated from Berry College on December 10, 2011. Cedric majored in Spanish and minored in Business Administration. He is now working as the Product and Marketing Assistant for a vacation express company.

Congratulations, Cedric!



Ross Tyner graduated from Georgia Tech on December 17, 2011. Ross received a B.S.-Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a certificate in Entrepreneurship. He accepted a position with First Investors Corporation as a financial services representative. **Congratulations, Ross!**



Thank You Cards & Messages

From Janis Campbell...The nicest gift friends can give is encouragement. You, my friends, have certainly given my family and me that through your prayers, visits, phone calls, e-mails, many beautiful cards and notes, delicious food, and gifts. Also, I appreciated the many warm and loving greetings from so many of you when I got back to church. All this has shown us what wonderful friends we have at Morrow Presbyterian Church and we appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness more than we could ever begin to express to you. Our love to all and may God richly bless each and every one of you.

From Romea "Grandma" Moriles..."Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 107:1 I would like to express my deepest thanks to the congregation for sharing their blessings to the Uptown Congregation Church last Christmas. The church was able to provide rice/canned goods to about 75 -80 families during the holiday season. Also, part of the money will go to the project to fix the van that is so needed in their ministry. Please check the bulletin board for pictures. I thank God for your continued support and love to the ministry that is what I felt is my mission in life. Love you all.

From Mary Bridges and Margaret Strelsky...Once again we wish to express our appreciation of all the Christian kindness shown us. The calls, cards, notes, gifts, food, visits, and smiles have meant to us more than we can express. We are so thankful that we are members of the Morrow Presbyterian Church. In His love.

Thank You Cards—continued

From Sonny & Carol Oswalt...Thank you for the prayers, visits, meals, and other "goodies." Our church family is very special to us, and we couldn't do it without y'all!

Scones and Fables



Scones and Fables - March 17. Hope you haven't forgotten! Scones and Fables is coming this March 17! Start cleaning out those bookshelves. Remember, we will have home-baked goodies for sale as well. More to come—stay tuned.

Young at Heart

Callaway Gardens—February 22, 8:30 a.m. Our February outing will be a trip to Callaway Gardens on Wednesday, February 22. We will leave the church at 8:30 A.M. We will enjoy a lunch and shop at the Country Store after exploring the Butterfly House, Greenhouse and Birds of Prey show. The cost will be \$25.00 PLUS lunch. Please make your reservations by FEBRUARY 19 with Ken Campbell, 770-961-2272.